

Appl. No. 10/627,582
Amdt. dated November 3, 2008
Reply to Office Action of August 1, 2008

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REMARKS

In the interests of expediting prosecution, claims 8 and 10 are cancelled in the instant amendment. Cancellation of subject matter is without prejudice to revival for prosecution in a divisional or continuation application.

Claims 1 and 32 are pending in the application. The Office Action Summary (page 1) of the Office Action dated August 1, 2008 indicates that claims 1 and 32 are allowable. However, page 2 of the Office Action indicates that claim 32 is withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants believe that claim 1 is allowable. Rejoinder of claim 32 in accordance with MPEP § 821.04(b) is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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